

Date: October 30, 2008

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To: Providers Dispensing Drugs to Members Enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, and the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program

Re: Changes to Reimbursement for Pharmacy Claims Effective On November 8, 2008

Effective for dates of service on and after November 8, 2008, retail pharmacies dispensing drugs to members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, and the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP) will see changes in reimbursement for claims. The Average Wholesale Pricing (AWP) reimbursement rates for brand name legend drugs and dispensing fees for covered brand name drugs and generic drugs have changed according to the table below.

Type of Reimbursement	New Amount	Affected Programs
Average Wholesale Pricing (AWP)	AWP minus 14 percent	BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, WCDP
	AWP minus 14 percent, plus 5 percent, minus \$0.50	SeniorCare
Dispensing Fee for Brand Name Drugs	\$3.44	BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare , and WCDP
Dispensing Fee for Generic Drugs	\$3.94	BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, and WCDP

For additional information about the new rates, refer to the November 2008 *ForwardHealth Update* (2008-189) titled, "Reimbursement Changes for Retail Pharmacies," posted at dhs.wisconsin.gov/ForwardHealth/updates/index.htm.

Please call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 if you have any questions.